

(c) whether National Statistical Commission has submitted any report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) measures adopted to modernise statistical institute NSS and NSO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir, a final decision on the project is yet *to* be taken. The Government have provided an enabling provision of Rs. 120 crores for the project in the plan budget for the year 2000-2001 pending formal approval.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The National Statistical Commission was *set up* in January, 2000 to critically examine the deficiencies in the present statistical system with a view to recommending measures for its systematic revamping. The tenure of the Commission is one year.

Website of Indian Statistical Institute Hacked by ISI

† 2790. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned ISI ka cyber hamala, sankhyiki sansthan ki web-site ko nishaana" published in Rashtriya Sahara dated 12th July, 2000 wherein it was stated that home page of web-site of Indian. Statistical Institute was hacked in order to hack their dates; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The Government is aware about the hacking of the computer system at Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta. It was detected at about 9 a.m. on 10th July, 2000. The hacking affected the e-mailweb page server, log files and e-mail service of the Insitute's centre at Calcutta. However, e-mail service was restored by noon on the same day. The Institute is taking measures to ensure security by installing suitable software.

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED
QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 14TH AUGUST, 2000***

Request for reduction of taxes on petroleum Products

† *301. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: DR.
D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have made any request to Ministry of Finance to reduce the rate of taxes being levied on petroleum products;
- (b) if so, when was the said request made;
- (c) whether a proposal for reducing the taxes had also been submited through the said request;
- (d) if so, what are the comprehensive details of the proposal; and

*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Monday, the 14th August, 2000 was cancelled. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, the 17th August, 2000.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.